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DISTURBANCE IN CABLES OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile and basic telephone services remains non-functional for days due to extreme disturbance and repeated cable damages in the country specially in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State- wise, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any effective policy to prevent illegal activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the mobile and basic telephone services provided by BSNL in the country including Rajasthan are generally working satisfactorily. However, sometimes the service to some of the telephones are affected due to theft of cable and damage to cables done by other agencies, which are restored promptly.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)
(i) FIRs are lodged at concerned Police Stations for cable theft.
(ii) The matter is taken up with State Government as well as Police Authorities to prevent incidences of cable theft.
(iii) Regular patrolling of important cable routes.
(iv) Posting of security guards at cable dumps.
(v) Coordination with local bodies to minimize the theft.